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THREE KANSAS MEN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE IN SEX WITH A MINOR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for traveling across the state line in an effort to engage in illicit sexual activity with a minor.

* **Ahmed M. Alzahrani**, 33, a Saudi Arabian who was enrolled as a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Alzahrani** used the Internet between May 19 and 27, 2004, to attempt to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity for which he could be charged with the criminal felony offense of statutory rape under Missouri statutes.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Alzahrani** traveled across the state line on two occasions during May 2004 in an attempt to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

* **Aaron M. Eddy**, 44, of Overland Park, Kan., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Eddy** used the Internet on Feb. 10, 2004, to attempt to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity for which he could be charged with the criminal felony offenses of statutory rape and statutory sodomy under Missouri statutes.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Eddy** traveled across the state line on Feb. 10, 2004, in an attempt to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Overland Park, Kan., Police Department.

* **Joseph A. Jackson**, 26, of Kansas City, Kan., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Jackson** used the Internet on Jan. 23, 2004, to attempt to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity for which he could be charged with the criminal felony offense of statutory rape under Missouri statutes.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Jackson** traveled across the state line on Jan. 23, 2004, in an attempt to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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